



2018

# SILVER BEAVER AWARDS

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America





## The Silver Beaver Award

is the highest recognition a local council can present to an adult volunteer of the Boy Scouts of America. The award is presented to those volunteers who have provided noteworthy service impacting the lives of youth and have made outstanding contributions to the Scouting program.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council presented its first Silver Beaver Awards in January 1932.



# Jeffrey L. Baer

Cahokia Mounds

Jeff Baer is a volunteer who is always eager to serve the youth and the council. He has taken significant organizational and leadership responsibilities for many Scouting events always for the betterment of the activity.

For many years, Jeff has provided organization and staffing for the council's Mom and Me event and has facilitated the regular participation of his troop in staffing Haunted Hayrides. As a member of the council advancement committee, he served as Merit Badge Dean for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 University of Scouting events.

As an Arrowman with the Order of the Arrow Nisha Kittan Lodge, Jeff frequently participates and assists with various volunteer duties for OA activities. He has often helped with kitchen staff, activity parking, unit elections, and as an adult elangomat. Jeff recently accepted the Nisha Kittan Elangomat Advisor position and received the OA Vigil Honor this past winter. His Vigil Honor name, Witscheman Muchomes Machque, means helpful grandfather bear.

At the unit level, Jeff has been the Scoutmaster for Troop 1086 for nine years. For the Cahokia Mounds District, Jeff has been a unit commissioner and member of the district advancement committee since 2014 as well as a merit badge counselor for the past 11 years and an Eagle Board of Review member for the past five years.

Jeff's dedication to the Scouting program earned him the selection of 2015 Cahokia Mound Scoutmaster of the Year. He has also been awarded the Scouter's Key, Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit and Den Leader Award.



# Shawn A. Banks

Egyptian

Shawn Banks is an Eagle Scout who believes in the promise and purpose of Scouting. He serves as mentor and role model for youth in and out of Scouting.

He has been active with Pack 7085, Troop 7085 and formerly Crew 693 serving at different times as assistant Scoutmaster, Venturing Crew Advisor and committee chairman. Currently, he is in his second stint as Cubmaster.

In Egyptian District, Shawn is involved in most Scouting functions. He is a regular at campouts and provides help annually with Scouting For Food and camporees. He serves as district camping chair and member-at-large.

A Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow, Shawn is entering his fifth summer as Pine Ridge Day Camp Director. He has also served on staff for the National Scout Jamboree. Shawn is Wood Badge-trained and has staffed course C3-312-17-2.

Shawn is a great supporter of his community through involvement in his church, the Elks and several local organizations. He is a 20-plus year member of the Knights of Columbus and has volunteered for Herrinfest for 20 years.



# Reed L. Bigelow

Egyptian

Reed Bigelow made careers in both the U.S. Air Force and education that took him all over the country. However, one thing remained consistent and that was his involvement with the youth of his community as he worked to fulfill his personal motto, "see a need, fill a need."

Reed is involved in most Scouting functions in Carterville, IL. He is very active with Troop 7077 serving as assistant Scoutmaster and committee member. He attended campouts, provided transportation and helped with popcorn sales and Scout Sunday. Last year, Reed also became Ship Mate for Egyptian District's first Sea Scout Ship.

At the District level, Reed is involved in many areas including unit commissioner for seven units, Scouting For Food chair, communications chair, day camp staff, district member-at-large and Eagle Board.

Reed has spent many summers as an instructor for Eagle Camp at S bar F Scout Ranch and Cub Scout STEM Camp. He has also helped staff several University of Scouting courses and organizes the Southern Illinois Merit Badge University each year.

An Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow member, Reed has been honored with the Spark Plug Award, District Commissioner's Award, Egyptian District Scouter of the Year, Egyptian District James "Pop" Bailey Award and District Award of Merit. He is also a member of the Beaumont Benevolent Beavers patrol of Wood Badge.

Reed is involved with many community organizations outside of Scouting including the Lions Club and First United Methodist Church of Carterville. He is a faithful volunteer for the church's after-school ASTRA program and serves as treasurer and Sunday School superintendent. He has twice been named his congregation's man of the year, once in Carterville and once in Springboro, Ohio.



# Bryan J. Brush

New Horizons

Bryan Brush exemplifies all the aspirations of Scouting. An active and decorated Scout in his youth, Bryan's continued dedication to the Scouting program as an adult volunteer has made a significant impact on the lives of youth in his community.

At the council level, Bryan has been instrumental in developing and growing the Construction Industry Pinewood Derby helping the event raise over \$250,000 during the last six years. A former National Youth Leadership Training staff member of 10 years, he has been on the council quartermaster staff for 12 years using his construction skills to restore facilities and repair infrastructure at council camps.

Bryan, who is Wood Badge-trained, serves the New Horizons District as a member of the camping, quartermaster, and pinewood derby staffs in addition to Scoutmaster for Troop 792. During a stint in the Pony Express Council, Bryan started a Cub Scout Pack in St Joseph, MO, at a large state home for foster kids serving as Cubmaster from 1996-98.

An Eagle Scout with three Eagle Palms, Bryan has been recognized with the District Award of Merit, Distinguished Arrowman Award, Scouter's Training Award and District Spark Plug Award.

Outside of Scouting, Bryan is active in the community as a member of the CBC High School parents group, Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Parish activities. He also lends his time and talents to Habitat for Humanity where his efforts have gone to support the neediest in our community.



# Steve Buhman

Big Muddy

Steve Buhman brings Scouting to life through his award-winning photography. He is generous with his time and talents to help promote and illustrate the many benefits of the Scouting

program.

A three-time National Jamboree staff photographer, Steve began his service in Scouting as an assistant Scoutmaster before spending nine years as Scoutmaster for Troop 7004 despite his own son having aged out of the program after his first two years. He continues to be active in the Big Muddy District as communications chairman, committee chairman and unit commissioner. In 2016, he was named district commissioner of the year.

Wood Badge-trained, Steve has been awarded district Scoutmaster of the year four times. He has also been recognized with the district award of merit and spark plug awards as well as district commissioner of the year. In 2009, in honor of his extensive community service, Buhman received the Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Outside of Scouting, Steve has a strong commitment to his church and community. He has been a long-time member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale. As an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Steve served two years as Grand Knight and 18 years as treasurer. While his children were in school, Steve volunteered with the high school band helping with photography, cooking and props.



# Mark E. Burkhart

Board

Greater St. Louis Area Council board member Mark Burkhart is committed to building a solid financial foundation for Scouting.

Mark has been a board member since 2011. In 2016, after joining the Executive Committee, he chaired the council's Friends of Scouting giving campaign where he was instrumental in helping the council exceed its goal with \$2,043,500 in support. Mark now serves as council vice president for development and serves on the budget committee. In addition, he has been co-chair of the council's Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner for the past two years.

Mark spent his entire 38-year career— 25 years as CEO— leading Cassidy Turley from a small St. Louis firm to one of the nation's largest full-service commercial real estate firms. Mark is now managing principal of Burkhill Real Estate, LLC, a national real estate investment firm.

Committed to serving the community for many years, Mark currently serves on numerous other boards throughout the St. Louis area including The United Way of Greater St. Louis and Variety Club–The Children's Charity. He also serves on the Chancellor's Counsel for University of Missouri-St. Louis and the Strategic Development Board of the Trulaske School of Business for University of Missouri-Columbia.



# David M. Chambliss

Gravois Trail

Dave Chambliss gives freely of his time to help the youth of our community, ensuring they have the resources to grow and excel in life.

Dave's Scouting experience is extensive and varied. He has served youth as a Chartered Organization Representative, assistant Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor and unit commissioner. He has also been a member of the Gravois Trail District training committee, Eagle Board of Review and camping committee.

For the past three years, Dave has served as the vice chair of marketing and promotion for the council camping committee. In this role, Dave oversees all promotional efforts related to the camping programs of the council. He works with camping chairs to guide the promotional efforts in a direction that is effective in each district.

On top of Dave's role with the council camping committee, he serves on the council's marketing committee, which oversees the broader goal of building scouting's brand within the region.

Wood Badge-trained, Dave is a Vigil member in the Order of the Arrow.

In addition to Scouting, Dave was very active with his sons' sports teams serving many years as a baseball and soccer coach as well as a referee and coach in karate.



# Ron F. Colletti

New Horizons

Ron Colletti encompasses the morals and standards of the Scout Oath and Law and is committed to putting youth first.

Like most volunteers, Ron started his activity at the Pack level (den leader, Cubmaster), then moved up to the Troop (committee chair, treasurer, assistant Scoutmaster) and Crew (committee member). However, most of his time has been spent with the Order of the Arrow. He has been a ceremonial team advisor since 2008 and is currently associate advisor for New Horizons District, as well as crossover coordinator. He has led over 100 crossover ceremonies and guided many teams to medals in competitions, as well as participating in over 25 OA service projects. In 2015 he received the Vigil Honor for this service.

In addition to his cheerful service, Ron is also very active in bringing STEM to Scouts. He is currently on the GSLAC STEM Nova committee as training chair and served as STEM chair for his district for many years. He has represented GSLAC on the national STEM Nova committee since 2014, and is currently the national training chair. Ron has personally trained hundreds of adults who have gone on to implement quality STEM programs in their units, districts and councils.

Ron's service to youth continues outside of scouting. He was a FIRST LEGO Robotics coach for 10 years, and continues as a judge of both competitions and funding requests through his employer.



# Teresa Colletti

New Horizons

When Teresa Colletti accepts an invitation to serve, she always exceeds expectations. She is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of youth, and her service-based attitude comes through in her actions.

Teresa has been active at the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing levels. She has led day camps and treks to Philmont, but her true calling is the STEM Nova program. She was an early member of the national STEM Nova committee and is currently in her second year as its chair. She personally led the first Scouts to earn the new Nova and Supernova awards in GSLAC. Since the program was created in 2012, Teresa has mentored 20 Scouts to five of the seven Supernova Awards and approximately 1,000 Cub Scouts have earned their science belt loop.

Nearly 500 adult leaders in the Greater St. Louis Area Council have benefited from training courses during her four years as council STEM training chair. Additionally, she has served as faculty for STEM Nova courses at the Philmont Training Center for the past three years. Last summer, she helped lead the STEM Quest Satellite booth at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree.

Teresa, who is also a member of the national Cub Scout committee, was honored with the Council's Cosmos Award in 2016 for her significant contributions to STEM in Scouting.

Teresa has provided exceptional service to youth outside of the Boy Scouts of America as well. She has been a Girl Scout leader since 2006 and has received the Silver Presidential Volunteer Service Award. She was a coach for FIRST LEGO League Robotics and mentored First Tech Challenge for eight years, leading her team to state and national competitions.



# Reginald D. Dickson

Board

Reginald Dickson believes in the Scouting program's ability to introduce kids to positive role models and life experiences that can help transform them into successful adults. He is committed to providing these resources to disadvantaged youth.

Recently, Reginald formed a roundtable of African American board members to engage these community leaders around the council's goals for program outreach, workforce development and STEM. Together, the roundtable is using these focus areas to institutionalize success for inner-city youth in the St. Louis area.

In 2014, Reginald advised the council's "Restoring the Village" initiative in North St. Louis County after the community unrest in Ferguson, Missouri. This effort resulted in new Boy Scout Troops in the Hazelwood, Ferguson-Florissant and Riverview Gardens School Districts, as well as new Exploring Posts with the Ferguson police and fire departments.

Past chairman of the Grand Towers District, Reginald is the chairman of the board and CEO of BYW Investment Advisors, a multi-cultural, minority-controlled firm that reverse-tithes to charity the fees it earns helping institutional clients achieve investment objectives. From 1982-1992, he was president and chief executive officer of INROADS, an organization that connects minority college students with summer internships and corporate mentoring programs across the nation. To date there are 30,000 INROADS graduates.

Reginald has served on various boards for organizations such as Huntington Preferred Capital Inc., First American Bank (now Regions Bank) and Dollar General Corporation. He is a regent of Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU). From 2004-2011, he was a regent of Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO).



# Susan M. Ehlenbeck

Osage

Susan Ehlenbeck gained a love for the outdoors from an early age and is always eager to share her passion through the Scouting program.

Susan is involved in nearly every program of the Boy Scouts of America. She currently serves as a chartered organization representative, den leader and Webelos den leader for Pack 370. She has been an assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 359 for 10 years and Crew Advisor for Crew 2359 for eight years. Her service doesn't stop there. She's also an Osage District committee member and merit badge counselor.

An Order of the Arrow member and Wood Badge-trained, Susan has staffed Kodiak and National Youth Leadership Training.

Susan has been recognized with the Scouter's Key, Unit Leader Award of Merit, District Award of Merit, Venturing Servant Leader Award, William D. Boyce Award and Order of the Arrow Gold Beyond Brotherhood, just to name a few.

Not only is Susan active with the BSA, but she excels in other community youth activities with 4-H, where she is a project leader, and her church. Susan is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus. She and her family were presented with the KofC Family of the Year Award in 2007.



# Kevin F. Hennessey

New Horizons

Kevin Hennessey has always given himself unselfishly and tirelessly to the youth of the Greater St. Louis Area Council and beyond both in and out of Scouting.

Kevin has served as assistant Scoutmaster and Venturing Crew committee member for the last 12 years and has been a key member of the St. Louis Catholic Committee on Scouting for over 10 years for which he is currently a Catholic Scouting awards counselor. He has received the Golden Ad Altare Dei and the Miter Awards from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting where he serves as a regional chairman.

An Eagle Scout, Kevin has been the New Horizons District Scouting for Food chair five times, and he also began his third stint as a Cubmaster this year. Additionally, Kevin has served on several Wood Badge, New Horizons Adult Leader Training, Cub Scout Pow Wow and University of Scouting staffs.

Kevin has been honored with numerous awards such as the Scouter's Key, Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit, James E. West Society Fellowship Award, Order of the Arrow Distinguished Arrowman, National Catholic Trailblazer Award, Bronze Pelican and St. George Award- the highest adult religious award in Catholic Scouting.

When he's not busy with Scouting, Kevin, a Vigil Honor Member of the OA, is active with the Knights of Columbus where he is a fourth-degree knight. He also serves as an assistant squad leader and mentor for his daughter's American Heritage Girls Troop. An accomplished bag piper, Kevin has performed on numerous occasions for civic and military events.



# Douglas E. Hill

Board

Doug Hill is a dedicated and humble leader who has continuously given back to his community.

A member of the Greater St. Louis Area Council Executive Committee, Doug has served as the council camping chairman since the spring of 2016. Under Doug's leadership, council Boy Scout camp attendance has grown over 12 percent, largely due to a renewed focus on customer service and how we communicate with Scouts, parents, and leaders. He is also a member of the budget committee.

In 2014, Doug was one of a handful of board members who helped reinvigorated the council properties committee to bring additional emphasis and strategy to the council's camps.

Doug has spent his entire career with Edward Jones. He joined the firm in 1968 and moved to St. Louis in December 1978. Doug served as the firm's managing partner from 2004 to 2006. Today, he serves as a senior partner of the firm. In 2015, he helped establish an Exploring Post at Edward Jones.

Doug serves on the boards of the St. Louis Municipal Opera and the St. Louis Zoo Strategic Plan Committee and the Interco Charitable Trust. He is a past member of Civic Progress and a past Chairman of the board at Webster University and the St. Louis Zoo. Doug is on the advisory board for the College of Business Administration at Kansas State University and the Kansas State University Alumni Foundation.



# Harvey Hines

Grand Towers

Harvey Hines provides a positive Scouting program in one of the most impoverished neighborhoods in St. Louis. He understands the challenges his youth face and he confronts those challenges, asking his charges to follow the Scout Law at all times.

Harvey's sense of humor and love for life inspires his Scouts and gives them guidance in their upbringing. An avid outdoorsman, he understands the value that outdoor activities can provide in the life of a child.

Since becoming active in Scouting in 2008, Harvey has served as Cubmaster for Pack 250. In 2015, he added Pack 870 to his Cubmaster duties and then began serving as assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 25 in 2016. In addition to his extensive leadership at the unit level, Harvey has been a commissioner for Grand Towers District for the last three years.

Wood Badge-trained, Harvey has been honored with the Scouter's Key Award and District Award of Merit.

Harvey is a strong presence in his neighborhood encouraging all youth to live the right way and offering guidance and job training to those who are interested. When not busy with Scouting, Harvey is an active member of Star Grace Missionary Baptist Church where he has been volunteering for 30 years.



# Hilding W. Holroyd

Boone Trails

With nearly 50 years of volunteer service to Scouting, Hilding Holroyd holds the traditions of Scouting in high regard and is committed to continuing the program for the next generation.

Hilding has served in numerous positions at the district and unit levels. Most recently, he has served as assistant district commissioner ensuring the success of units in his care and the Scouts within them. He has also been active on a district committee for the last 22 years with five different councils in three Regions.

A passion for training, Hilding's 11 Wood Badge staff assignments- with more than 400 participants between them- has had a positive impact on thousands of Scouts. He has also served on staff for National Youth Leadership Training, Scoutmaster training and other leader-specific courses.

A third generation Eagle Scout, Hilding has been recognized with the Scouter's Training Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, District Award of Merit, James E. West Fellowship Award, Arrowhead Honor, Commissioners Key, and District Service Award among others.

Hilding is equally involved with his faith. He has served more than 30 years with his local religious institutions in roles such as Sunday School teacher, Elder Board, youth group director and choir.



# Randolph L. Kaul

Gravois Trail

Randy Kaul is a man of exceptional character who has unselfishly given distinguished service to Scouting. His personal commitment to Scouting has no limit, and he constantly puts others before himself.

Even though his own children have aged out of Scouting, Randy remains active as a Chartered Organization Representative, Venturing Crew Advisor and assistant Scoutmaster. He is also a member of the Gravois Trail training committee, council's Venturing Association Advisor program, and Order of the Arrow Shawnee Lodge service project committee. Additionally, he is a regular attendee to most events and programs within the district including the meaningful Memorial Day Good Turn at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery of which he spent seven years on the planning committee. Over the past 15 years, Randy has staffed many local and regional training courses including Kodiak, Powder Horn, COPE, National Order of the Arrow Conference, Central Region 3 Venturing Conference, Cub Scout Pow Wow and University of Scouting.

An Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor, Randy has received the Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit, Distinguished Arrowman, Medal of Merit, Venture Servant Leader and Venturing Outstanding Leader awards.

In addition to Scouting, Randy is a devoted member of Concord Trinity Methodist Church. He serves or has served as head usher, trustee, trustee chairperson, living memorials coordinator and finance committee member. Randy is also a long-time member of the Crestwood Elks Lodge.



# Paul Laiben

## River Trails

Paul Laiben is a Scouter who genuinely cares about helping others succeed and makes every attempt to positively impact the lives of youth.

Paul has provided countless hours of service in teaching and supervising the council's climbing and challenge courses as an instructor, course director and member of the training staff. He has spent every Sunday of summer camp over the last three years at S bar F Ranch to run the challenge course for the Ranger Program and Swift Base. Last year, he also staffed the big zip lines at The Summit during the 2017 National Jamboree and will return in 2019 for the World Jamboree.

Paul served as the River Trails OA chapter adviser for three years and continues to serve as a chapter ceremonies adviser. He attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2015 as a participant, but after learning that the climbing station was shorthanded, ended up staffing the station for the entire event.

As a scuba instructor, Paul has worked with Scouts to earn merit badges and prepare for Sea Base. He has led youth on treks to both Sea Base and Philmont.

Paul is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, Distinguished Arrowman and Chapter Arrowman of the Year, and he has completed Wood Badge.

An active participant in his community, Paul has served for years at his church, helping prepare for picnics and dinners, maintaining facilities, and mentoring youth in the confirmation process. He is a consistent volunteer with the Hillsboro Civic Club organizing cleanups, maintenance, and parking for their events.



# Rich Preston

St. Clair

Rich Preston is dedicated to leading youth to become Eagle Scouts who live out the Scout Oath and Scout Law every day. He has helped shape the lives and attitudes of young men for a generation.

A 27-year veteran of the United States Navy, one of Rich's greatest contributions to Scouting is his commitment to the training of our leaders and youth. He helped resurrect National Youth Leadership Training in the legacy Lewis & Clark Council and has served as course director or assistant course director for nearly 200 youth over the last five years. He is also a graduate and two-time staff member of Wood Badge.

Rich is currently Scoutmaster of Troop 46 in St. Clair District where he also serves as district training chair and unit commissioner.

A member of the Order of the Arrow, Rich has been honored with the Scouter's Key, Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit and Scoutmaster of Merit Award. During his time in the military, he received three outstanding volunteer service awards for working with youth groups throughout the South Pacific, Guam, Siapan as well as Rhode Island.

Rich also spent 10 years as a coach for USA Track & Field where he was honored as the 2015 coach of the year.



# James A. Riddle

New Horizons

Eagle Scout Jim Riddle is a shining example of unwavering dedication to the Scouting program. Jim is always eager and willing to help, no matter how big or small the task.

He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow and completed his Ordeal and Brotherhood Honors as a youth. He became a Vigil Honor just this past year. He served as a Ranger at Philmont Scout Ranch for two years and attended the 1977 National Jamboree as a youth.

Jim's dedication to Scouting is apparent at both the district and council levels. Presently, he serves as the New Horizons District training chairman and has served on multiple adult leader training staffs. At a council level, he has taught multiple courses at University of Scouting enabling leaders to bring more effective programs to their youth members. Jim has staffed three Wood Badge courses and five National Youth Leadership Training courses. He was the IOLS council coordinator for three years. He also served as an assistant Scoutmaster at the 2010 National Jamboree and Scoutmaster at the 2017 National Jamboree.

Jim has served as a Cubmaster of Pack 764 and as Scoutmaster of Troop 313. His time as a leader has taken him on multiple high adventure trips to Philmont, Double H High Adventure Base and Boundary Waters.

Jim serves youth throughout the community whether it is through Scouting, church, school or sports. He regularly served as a Sunday School teacher and lecturer at Kirkwood United Methodist Church. He serves on the board at St. Louis Community College Meramec and Wabash College. He's also a volunteer architect for Angels' Arms, an organization that supports foster children.



# James A. Sholtis

North Star

Jim Sholtis truly exemplifies the principals of the Scouting program through his hard-work and humble dedication to youth. His contributions to his troop, camporee staffs, and Order of the Arrow are countless.

Jim began his scouting career more than 30 years ago working in various positions with Pack and Troop 538 from den leader to becoming its long-time Scoutmaster. In addition to his early years in the unit, Jim has served on the North Star District committee and camping committee for over 25 years. He is also a six-plus year veteran of the council quartermaster corp fixing and maintaining the council's properties.

Over the last 15 years, Jim has dedicated his efforts to the Order of the Arrow where he is a Vigil Honor Member. He has been an advisor for district ceremonial teams providing guidance for ceremonies, regalia and site preparations.

As in Scouting, Jim, who has staffed four NYLT weeks, has been a dedicated volunteer of Ebenezer Lutheran Church. No job is too small as he always jumps in to help wherever he can.



# Shannon Todd

Sioux

Few Scouters have shown the drive and skills to make as large an impact in southeast Missouri as Shannon Todd. He is an Eagle Scout who has kept his Oath and kept service to others in his heart.

Shannon's involvement in Sioux District is lengthy. Among his many roles are Community Friends of Scouting co-chair, Eagle Board of Review chair, assistant district commissioner, unit commissioner, district membership chair and district training staff member.

After serving as Cubmaster of Pack 60 for four years, Shannon crossed over to Troop 3 with his sons where he currently serves as Scoutmaster. In addition, he has planned and executed a Merit Badge University each of the last two years.

Shannon is a graduate of Wood Badge training and has applied its principles to the fullest. He has received the Sparkplug Award, District Award of Merit, Unit Leader Award, Scouter's Training Award, Scouter's Key and William D. Boyce Award.

Shannon also gives back to his community serving as children's Sunday School leader for the Fellowship General Baptist Church and a meet referee for the Poplar Bluff swim team.



# Timothy J. Trace

New Horizons

Tim Trace is a beacon of cheerful service, inspiration and unselfishness throughout every aspect of his personal, professional and Scouting life. He encourages all Scouts to continue forward on their path with dedication and fun and encourages adult leaders the same way.

At the council level, Tim is very active with a variety of events including Cub Launch (where he introduced the popular disco mud cave), Fall Fright Fest, Shoot-O-Ree, Fall Fun Rally and Cub Scout Advancement Workshops. He has served as an instructor at STEM University, Eagle Trail summer camp and National Youth Leadership Training.

In New Horizons District, Tim spent four years as the Cub Scout roundtable commissioner before taking over as Boy Scout roundtable commissioner two years ago. He has also been the camp director for the Millenium Park Twilight Camp since its inception in 2010. Additionally, Tim has helped with his district's Friends of Scouting campaign serving as a presenter for the last five years. He also continues to serve as unit commissioner and committee member and serves on the Boy Scout and Cub Scout Adult Leader Training staffs.

An Eagle Scout, Tim is an Order of the Arrow Vigil member as well as an OA Distinguished Arrowman. He has been honored with the Scouter's Key, Unit Leader Award of Merit, Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit and James E. West Fellowship Award.

His service continues outside of Scouting where he is an active member of the Chesterfield Community Church as a worship musician and worship leader.



# Robert B. Veenstra

New Horizons

Bob Veenstra's ability to help create young leaders by allowing them to learn and run the program is a reminder of the greatness of youth-led Scouting.

At the council level, Bob was previously the High Adventure Chair and is now a vice chair on the council camping committee. He was also the Dean of the High Adventure College and is a regular presenter at University of Scouting. He has led two contingents to the National Jamboree in 2013 and 2017. At National Youth Leadership Training, he has helped mentor more than 100 youth to develop their own personal leadership skills.

He became very active in the New Horizons District, first as the Cub Scout training chair for four years, then as the district popcorn chair for three years. He is currently in his third year as the Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor. Because of Bob's dedication to the OA, he received Vigil Honor in 2016.

Bob has also earned the District Award of Merit and the Distinguished Arrowman Award.

Beyond scouting, Bob continues to be very active at Manchester United Church. He was involved with the youth group, served as confirmation teacher and provided transportation for mission trips. Bob stays active with the Men's Organization of the church as secretary. Bob is also active in the Environmental Consulting Professionals and Environmental Remediation Specialists organizations and leads continuing education classes in the environmental field as a part of his specialty.



# John T. Wessling

Thunderbird

For almost three decades, John Wessling has given back to the community through service in Scouting.

John has been very involved on the Thunderbird District Commissioner's staff. In 1990, he accepted the position of unit commissioner and continues to serve in this role today. He spent three years as district commissioner and is now entering his 19th year as assistant district commissioner.

In addition to service on the commissioner staff, John has been a long-time member of the district committee where he has been an integral part of the planning and execution of many district programs including camporees, Klondikes, recruitment nights and Scouting for Food events over a period of more than 20 years. He has been a district membership chair, district nominating committee chair and served as assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 500 for five years. He remains active with the troop attending activities such as camporees and summer camp.

John is an Eagle Scout and active member of the Order of the Arrow. He has received the District Award of Merit and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award.

John continues his involvement in Scouting with his daughters in Girl Scouts, lending help and leadership in several capacities. He was a long-time member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Professionally, John is a home inspector in the greater St. Louis area and serves on the national board of directors for the American Society of Home Inspectors and has been the St Louis Chapter president and a director since 2012.



# Douglas J. Wilks

Board

Through his own experience in Scouting, Doug Wilks has seen the positive impact of the BSA program first-hand and is committed to bringing these same experiences to today's youth.

Doug has served many roles as a council board member. For the former Lewis & Clark Council, he was vice president of investments from 2014-2016. He also served on the audit committee and budget committee. Since joining the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Doug is a member of the investment committee that monitors the investment strategy of the council's endowment fund.

As a youth, Doug made his way through the program from Cub Scout to Eagle Scout. When his own son joined Scouting, he volunteered as Tiger Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Leader and Committee Chair throughout the years.

Doug has been a financial advisor in the metroeast for more than 25 years with Ameriprise Financial Services. He is a member and past president of the Belleville Rotary Club, a service organization comprised of business and community leaders. Doug is also a board member of Christ United Church of Christ, as well as a member of the Metroeast Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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Greater St. Louis Area Council

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